

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

At the outset, appreciation is expressed to Examiner Butler for his time and attention during the interview that was conducted at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 18, 2005. The remarks below discuss the substance of the interview.

The specification has been amended to address the typographical error kindly noted by Examiner Butler. Also, the Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended to delete the term "means" and to delete portions of the original Abstract of the Disclosure for purposes of meeting the 150 word limit.

In light of the forgoing, withdrawal of the objections to the specification and the Abstract of the Disclosure is respectively requested.

Claims 3, 4, 8, 9, 13 and 14 remain withdrawn from further consideration as being directed to the non-elected species. By way of this Amendment, Claims 6, 7 and 10 have been canceled. The subject matter recited in those claims has been incorporated into the respective independent claims. Claims 1, 2, 5, 11 and 12 remain readable on the elected species.

The issue raised on page two of the Official Action concerning the wording in Claims 7 and 10 has been addressed. Thus, withdrawal of the claim rejection based on the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 is respectfully requested.

As discussed during the interview, the claims in this application are directed to a hydraulic brake device. As recited in independent Claim 1, the hydraulic brake device includes a pressurized fluid generator which generates pressurized fluid

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